

BRITISH GUNS  
NOW COMMAND  
GERMAN LINES

Complete Capture of Pozieres, Reported Today By Field Marshal Haig, Gives Them Possession of Dominating Heights Overlooking the Plateau

HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHT  
WAS CARRIED OUT

After Resisting Severe Counter Attacks By the Germans, the British Took the Initiative and the Whole Village Fell Before Their Determined Onslaughts

London, July 26.—The capture of Pozieres in the Somme region, reported today by Field Marshal Haig, gives the British troops domination of the highest point overlooking the plateau on which the German lines extend to the eastward. Every house had to be fought for and taken separately.

After obtaining possession of a considerable portion of the village the British were subjected to severe counter attacks which they withstood. Then they, in turn, took the initiative until the whole place fell before their onslaught.

TURKS ARE FLEEING  
IN WILD DISORDER  
FROM ERZINGAN

Left Quantity of Guns, Rifles and Ammunition as They Evacuated Fortified Town in Turkish Armenia.

Petrograd, July 26.—It is officially announced that the Turkish fortress of Erzingan has been captured by the Russians. The Turks are said to be retiring in disorder, leaving a quantity of guns, rifles and munitions in their trail. Sixty miles west of Erzingan, will be their next base, it is assumed by military observers.

London, July 26.—Erzingan, a fortified Turkish-Armenian town, has been evacuated by the Turks, says a Rome despatch.

Russians Advance in Volhynia Also.

The Russians continue their successful drive in southern Volhynia, pressing back the Germans near the Sleskwa river, war office announces. Great losses were inflicted on the retreating hostile forces.

## CONFERRING WITH FRANCE

But England Will Reply to the United States as Soon as Possible.

London, July 26.—In reply to the request of Ambassador Page for expedition of the answer to the American note regarding the detention of mails by the British censors, the British foreign office today said that the reply would be sent to the United States as soon as possible, but that England was still conferring on the subject with the French government.

## S. S. MCCLURE BARRED.

England Does Not Desire to Admit the American Publisher.

London, July 26.—S. S. McClure, the American publisher, has been detained by the British authorities and must return to the United States Saturday. They declined to grant him a permit to stay.

## HIS FOREHEAD CRUSHED.

There is Mystery How Ray Wells of Barton Received Injury.

Barton, July 26.—Ray Wells, a farmhand employed by E. A. Dudley, was found with his forehead crushed and unconscious at dawn yesterday. The horse feeding beside the road and Wells in the buggy. Monday evening young Wells drove to Fraburg to see his sweetheart, Della Ducharme. He left for home, and the next morning of him was when Tom Ducharme, uncle of Della, but living several miles distant, was awakened by groans from the road.

The young man was taken to St. Johnsbury by Dr. C. N. Cleasby of Orleans, where an operation was performed at Brightlook hospital. Several bits of bone were removed from the brain and he regained consciousness for a few moments. He claimed he fell from his buggy, but two physicians say the crushed forehead could hardly result from such a fall. He may live.

## Check for \$200 Sent to Company B.

St. Albans, July 26.—Old Company B, first infantry, Vermont volunteers, in the Spanish-American war, today sent a check for \$200 to Captain Charles E. Pell of Company B now on the Mexican border. This money comes from a reserve fund that has been accumulating for 16 years.

## Wants to Be Franklin County Sheriff.

Enosburg Falls, July 26.—Deputy Sheriff A. F. Croft today announced his candidacy for sheriff of Franklin county. He has been a deputy for 18 years and has been prominent in the Republican party.

SPEND \$150,000,000  
ON GOOD ROADS

United States Government Plans Extensive Campaign for Next Five Years—Amounts Will Be Appropriated to the States.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—As the first step in the federal government's part of spending \$150,000,000 on good roads during the next five years in co-operation with the states, Secretary Houston soon will announce preliminary plans for organization and sometime before Sept. 11 will notify the governors of states of the apportionment of federal funds for this year. A circular will also be sent to all the governors and state highway authorities outlining a tentative plan of procedure.

The \$150,000,000 is to be paid half by the government and half by the several states, apportioned among the latter according to their respective area, population and rural mail route mileage.

The expenditures are authorized by the Shackleford-Bankhead good roads law, the first of the federal aid to states in road building. It was signed July 11 by President Wilson and government officials are preparing to put its provisions into early operation. Actual construction of some of the roads may begin this fall and extensive construction next spring is planned.

Appropriations for the present year, ending July 1, 1917, authorized by Congress are \$5,000,000. For the four succeeding years they are, respectively, \$10,000,000, \$15,000,000, \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000. The law provides, however, that no government money shall be available unless the states spend an equal amount, matching the government contributions dollar for dollar.

Every cent of the federal and state funds, the act provides, shall be spent to build new roads. Maintenance costs thereafter must be borne by the states alone.

Rules and regulations to put the federal aid law, as it is popularly known, into prompt operation are now being drafted by the secretary of agriculture, upon whom devolves practically the entire work of supervising the government expenditures. Immediate supervision will be by the office of public roads and rural engineering, of which Logan Waller Page is director.

A conference of highway representatives of all states and, possibly, of organizations interested in the good roads movement, engineering experts and others, to discuss measures for promulgating the new law is planned soon by Secretary Houston.

Apportionment among the several states of the \$5,000,000 for the first year's work will soon be announced by Postmaster General Burleson, who is required to annually certify apportionments because of changes in rural post route mileage and population. The allotments of the federal appropriations will be made by the secretary of agriculture, one-third being based on the ratio which the population of each state bears to the total United States population, according to the latest census, one-third in the ratio which the mileage of rural post roads in each state bears to the total national mileage, and one-third in the ratio which the area of each state bears to the total area.

The approximate apportionments of this year's \$5,000,000, less 3 per cent administrative expenses, for the New England states are as follows: Maine, \$48,750; New Hampshire, \$21,650; Vermont, \$23,600; Massachusetts, \$76,000; Rhode Island, \$12,050; Connecticut, \$31,900.

## AMERICANS MAY PROTEST

Over Alleged Barring of Irish Relief Fund Officials from England.

New York, July 26.—Officers of the Irish relief fund are awaiting explanation of the refusal of the British government to permit Eugene Kelley, treasurer, and Joseph Smith to land in England. The matter has been taken up with the state department. It is probable that a meeting of the executive committee of the fund will be called here to take further action.

Kelley, as treasurer of the Irish relief fund, was en route to Dublin with \$50,000, representing the second installment of the \$75,000 fund raised in this country for the relief of persons in Ireland who had suffered through the recent revolt. He was accompanied by his wife, who was Emerance de Salier du Pin, of Watertown, N. Y., and Joseph Smith of Lowell, Mass., a journalist and lecturer.

The first installment of the fund was taken to Ireland by Gill and Murphy. Friends of Kelly said here that he intended to give more than \$100,000 out of his own funds to the relief work. George J. Gillespie, chairman of the executive committee of the Irish relief fund, when informed of the predicament of Kelly and the latter's party, communicated with the state department. He said he was informed that action would be taken immediately.

Gillespie said he could not understand the action of the British authorities in view of the fact that Kelly and the others had in addition to their passports a personal letter from Secretary of State Lansing introducing them to the American ambassador at London. "Their passports," asserted Gillespie, "were obtained through my efforts, and I assure you their mission to Ireland was none other than the one stated therein—the relief of the needy. The British consul-general visited the passport before the party called and informed me of their acceptability. If there was any objection why wasn't it expressed at that time?"

Kelly, son of a wealthy banker, is 50 years old, a member of the Papal household, and a trustee of St. Patrick's cathedral of this city. He is a grandnephew of Archbishop Hughes, the first archbishop of New York, who was sent to France by President Lincoln as a special ambassador during the Civil war.

Smith was born in Ireland 23 years ago. In 1873 he came to the United States and in 1884 was naturalized. He was at various times editor of the Lowell Times, Boston Traveler, Boston Truth and other newspapers and periodicals. He served four years in the United States cavalry. Local officers of the Irish relief fund declared the organization is strictly non-political.

TRAIN RAN  
AUTO DOWN

Driver Seriously Hurt And Boy Passenger Fatally Injured

ACCIDENT NEAR  
FORT ETHAN ALLEN

Fred Rushford Did Not Hear The Engine's Whistle As He Drove On Track

Burlington, July 26.—Fred Rushford, a chauffeur for the Essex Junction laundry, had one leg and one shoulder broken and William Siegrist, an Essex boy, 14 years of age, was fatally injured today when a westbound local train from Essex to Winoski ran over the laundry delivery truck near Fort Ethan Allen. The driver did not hear the whistle of the train. He was taken to the Fanny Allen hospital.

## DECLARED A GOOD PRIZE

German Court Acts on the Liner Apham, Which Carried Gold.

Berlin, July 26, via London, July 26.—The prize court has decided that the liner Dempster line ship, Apham, which was captured by the German raider Mowee, in the early part of the year and taken by a prize crew into Hampton Roads, is a good prize, and that, accordingly, the gold on board the steamer, amounting to 739,000 marks, shall be turned over to the Reichstag.

There have been various estimates of the amount of gold on board the Apham when she was captured, but no official statement concerning it has been made. The estimates ranged from less than \$200,000 to as high as \$2,500,000. The Apham is still in Newport News.

## BRITISH CRUISER INSIDE LIMIT

Steamed Toward Fortress Monroe In Waiting Detachment.

Norfolk, Va., July 26.—Pilotless and without warning to United States officials, one of the British cruisers lying off Cape Henry awaiting the appearance of the German submarines Deutschland and Bremen, steamed through the Virginia capes early yesterday, proceeded to the vicinity of Fortress Monroe, cruised about for an hour or more, and then returned to a point just outside the three-mile limit.

The United States warship Louisiana and the collier Neptune were the only government vessels which sighted the ship and a detailed report of the incident was made to Washington last night by naval officers.

Washington, July 26.—Officials here are inclined to believe that the British cruiser which made an incursion into Hampton Roads early yesterday had acted wholly within her rights under international law. Although official comment will be withheld pending receipt of the naval report on the incident, it is indicated that the version contained in news despatches showed no violation of American neutrality.

## STEAMER TYNE FLOATED

Has Been on Ledge Off St. John, N. B., Since Sunday.

St. John, N. B., July 26.—The British steamer Tyne, which struck on a ledge Sunday, has been floated by tugs and brought to port.

## RELEASE COLLEGE SOLDIERS.

In Time for Them to Resume Studies in the Fall.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—All National Guard organizations composed of college students will be mustered out of the federal service in time for them to proceed with their school work at the fall term.

It was announced at the war department yesterday that the policy of the government would be to disband such organizations completely as units of the National Guard and to seek the re-organization of the college men into branches of the officers' reserve corps. National Guard units composed of students, but who have gone to the border prior to Aug. 1, will not be sent forward, and similar organizations on the border will be withdrawn on Sept. 1 for mustering out unless some emergency arises.

Individual members of National Guard organizations who can show the intention of entering or returning to college or schools for the fall term also will be mustered out on Sept. 1.

## SMALL ARTERY PUNCTURED.

Causing Death of Miss Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Say Prosecuting Authorities.

Olney, Ill., July 26.—The bursting of a small artery bubble in an artery under a physician's knife gave the prosecuting authorities what they consider evidence that Miss Elizabeth Ratcliffe came to her death through a unique crime. Roy Hintersher brought the girl's body to a sanatorium here. She died under an elm tree two miles from town. An illegal operation instrument was found under the tree. It is maintained by the physician that the instrument was used as an unfilled hypodermic needle and that a small artery was punctured. Hintersher is held by the action of the coroner's jury which bound him over to the grand jury.

Miss Arlene Martin, who has been visiting friends on Washington street for a few days while en route from her home in Concord, Mass., to St. Albans, left last night for that summer resort, where she will remain six weeks with a party of friends.

T. H. CAVE, JR., SEEKS  
STATE AUDITOR'S JOB

Assistant State Treasurer Issues Statement to the Voters of Vermont and Hopes for Support at the September Primary.

Thomas H. Cave Jr., of Barre, assistant state treasurer, today issued the following statement to the voters of Vermont concerning his candidacy for state auditor:

To the Voters of Vermont: I am a candidate for the office of auditor of accounts, and I hope I may have your support at the September primary. For the past four years I have been the assistant in the office of the state treasurer, which office, as you know, interlocks with that of the auditor of accounts, and I am warranted in stating that upon the auditor devolve active, varied and responsible duties. The general provisions of the law involve a multiplicity of details in accounting, running into thousands of items annually and these duties are not easily undertaken by one whose work and experience have not been along similar lines.

I am 46 years old, was educated in the city of Vermont, and first secured an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in my father's office. Then came 20 years devoted to business administration, the latter half of this time being given to banking. Five years of this period I was cashier of the National Bank of Barre. The past four years I have been the assistant state treasurer, holding the place at the present time. I have served as auditor of the city of Barre, was auditor of the Granite Mutual Insurance company, have been a director in the National Bank of Barre, the Quary Savings Bank and Trust company and the Granite Mutual Insurance company, both of Barre.

I was representative from the city of Barre in the legislature of 1910 and served as chairman of the committee on banks, also being a member of the committee on manufactures.

I go before you voters of the state, on my record of service in lines that should fit me to fill the office of auditor satisfactorily to all.

Thomas H. Cave, Jr.  
Montpelier, Vt., July 24, 1916.

DR. HARRIS DIED  
OF SHOT WOUND

Another Chapter in Boston Crime Written, His Death Being the Second—

Dr. Celia P. Adams Died of Poisoning.

Boston, July 26.—Dr. Wilfred E. Harris of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, who was shot by Dr. E. de L. Atwood a week ago yesterday at the Hotel Westminster, died late yesterday afternoon at the City hospital. At the bedside of the dying man was his wife and other relatives.

Dr. Atwood is in Charles street jail in default of \$15,000 bonds, charged with attempt to kill. The police stated that the charge against him will be changed to murder.

The police, so far as known, have found no explanation for the death by poisoning of Dr. Celia P. Adams, beyond that given by Atwood, who, upon his arrest, said he had shot Harris because the latter had come between the young woman and Atwood, making their marriage impossible and causing the suicide of Miss Adams. They had looked forward to the recovery of Harris in order to obtain his story in support of the denial of Atwood's charges that the wounded man was able to make before he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Atwood's attorneys have intimated that the defense would be temporary insanity. Atwood has said that the death of his sweetheart was the culmination of a series of incidents that drove him mad. There is a theory that Miss Adams was murdered. Motive for suicide has not been established.

## PRISONER DEEPLY AFFECTED

When Told That Dr. Harris, Whom He Shot, Had Died.

Boston, July 26.—Dr. Eldridge Atwood, the youthful osteopath who, in a jealous rage, attacked and fatally wounded his former friend, Dr. Wilfred Harris, today received through Sheriff Quinn at the jail the news that Dr. Harris died last night. The prisoner was deeply affected. Arrangements have been made to take him to court for arraignment on a murder charge.

Atwood was held without bail, on the charge of murder, for the grand jury.

CARVED A CROSS  
ON HIS BREAST

Dr. Arthur Waite, Awaiting Execution for Murder of John E. Peck, Did Not Indict a Very Serious Wound.

Sing Sing Prison, N. Y., July 26.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite awaiting execution for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., was found in his cell in the "death house" last night bleeding from a wound on his chest made in the shape of a cross. The prisoner had cut himself with a piece of broken glass.

How Waite got possession of the glass could not be explained. It is presumed that when he was taken out for exercise in the courtyard he picked it up when the vigilance of his guard was relaxed, and concealed it until he returned to his cell.

Waite was removed to the prison hospital, but he steadfastly declined to answer questions. The prison authorities believe if he had intended to kill himself he would have inflicted the wound elsewhere than on his chest. The injury is not serious. A strict watch will be kept on Waite when he returns to the death house.

## 35 CHILDREN DIED.

During 24 Hours in New York's Infantile Paralysis Epidemic.

New York, July 26.—The infantile paralysis epidemic continued to gain headway today. In the last twenty-four hours, 35 children died and 160 new cases were reported in the city.

HIGHER RATES  
NOT JUSTIFIED

Halt Called on Proposal of The New England Railroads

LEASED CAR PLAN  
IS FOUND UNLAWFUL

Interstate Commerce Commission Issues Its Orders

Washington, July 26.—The proposed increased rates over New England railroads on milk, cream and their products were today found not to be justified by the interstate commerce commission. The increases would have given the carriers about \$300,000 a year additional revenue. Regulations of the New England roads giving rate preference to those dairymen leasing cars over those shipping in less than carload lots were found unlawful by the commission. The carriers were instructed to construct a scale of rates for transportation of the commodities in freight cars on freight trains.

The commission's opinion deals with shipments to Boston and says that it is not necessary to allow the leased car system to encourage dairymen in Vermont and New Hampshire at the expense of those in adjacent territory.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.  
ALLOWED TO RUN  
LAKE STEAMERS

May Operate Boats on Lake Memphremagog in Vermont and on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire Despite Panama Canal Act.

Washington, July 26.—The Boston & Maine railroad was today authorized by the interstate commerce commission to continue its lines of steamers on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire and Lake Memphremagog in Vermont despite the prohibition of the Panama canal act against railroad-owned steamship lines.

## 21 APPEALS ON TAXATION

Were Heard Last Night By Barre Board of Civil Authority.

Twenty-one appeals from the 1916 assessments were received by the board of civil authority at a meeting in the court room at city hall last evening. F. G. Howland acted as chairman and 13 members of the board were present. In a number of cases the appellants were not present, but their cases were considered. The largest rebate and abatement granted was in the appeal of the Episcopal church with the tenement at the corner of Washington and Spaulding streets as the property involved. The next meeting of the board is to be held in the court room on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 8 o'clock.

Cases considered last night were disposed of in the following order: — L. K. Averill, piece of land on Washington street, claimed no ownership; referred to the assessors for a report. Frank Mowall estate, asked for abatement of \$3.84, being unable to pay; case dismissed.

Nicola Nicolini, not 21 years old, asked for poll tax abatement; told to obtain birth certificate or certificate of entry into the United States.

Vermont conference, Woman's Home Missionary society, asked for abatement of \$1.20 on Berlin street mission; abated.

Sam Hecker, asked for extension of two weeks beyond Aug. 10 in which to pay poll tax; dismissed.

Episcopal property, church represented by several members asking for rebate of \$34.80 in 1915 and \$36.80 in 1916; granted.

H. G. Woodruff, asked for rebate of \$18 railroad and mining stock assessed in 1915; case referred to assessors for report. Poll tax appeals: William Diack, illness; abated; John Giacomuzzi, illness; abated; F. E. Goodell, lack of work; dismissed; Mrs. E. E. Nye, husband's poll tax; abated; Joseph Barabane, deceased; rebated; William Ducharme, Agostino Brusa, William F. Milne, William H. Anderson, James Anderson, illness; abated; P. A. Nedd, 1912 poll tax, not living here; dismissed; Arthur N. H. Baxter, claimed New Jersey as a residence; dismissed; Anna Taimo, asked for abatement on property tax; dismissed.

## BURIAL AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Joseph Rabadeau's Funeral Was Held at St. Monica's To-day.

The funeral of Joseph Rabadeau of Elm street, whose death occurred Sunday morning after a long illness, was held in St. Monica's church this forenoon at nine o'clock. Rev. Fr. McCarthy of Montpelier officiating at the requiem mass. The bearers were: M. L. Lewis, William Avery, W. T. Blow, Paul Tavernier, Fred Paquet and Emely Landry. There were numerous floral tributes. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street, where the deceased was long employed as caretaker, in connection with his duties as sexton at St. Monica's.

## HENRY F. DOWNING.

Lifelong Resident of Washington Died This Morning.

Henry F. Downing, a lifelong resident of the town of Washington and a respected citizen, died at 2:15 this morning after being in poor health for three years with a bowel trouble. He was born on the farm where he died, the farm being known as the Gideon Downing place. The date of his birth was October 3, 1838. Mr. Downing leaves his wife and three children: Edna Downing, Mrs. Lucy Cough and Harry Downing, all of Washington.

OPERA HOUSE BIDS  
NOT SATISFACTORY  
TO CITY COUNCIL

City Will Make Further Explorations After Possible Lessees, Believing That the Present Tenders Are Much Too Low.

Reconsideration of tenders made for the lease of the Barre opera house resulted in the rejection of all bids again at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening, the matter of locating a lessee for the theatre after Sept. 1 being referred back to the property committee. Under the cover of an executive session, the aldermen glanced over the bids and then invited the committee to go farther afield in their search for someone who will pay a rental fee somewhere near the top price which Nelson & Austin paid in the bad theatrical year of 1915-1916.

The closed session followed a brief open meeting in which routine business was the center of attention. Hovering on the outskirts of the executive deliberations were would-be lessees who spent a warm hour in wondering whether the city fathers were going to wait until the last opportunity for booking big shows had passed. Predictions were freely made that further postponement in the matter of awarding the lease will mean that medicine shows and film plays will have the edge on higher class performances in the season just around the corner. The would-be lessees argued that a manager has got to get in touch with the big-time producers early enough to have the more desirable attractions routed this way under the aforementioned swamp-root and kickapoo are to have the call.

As a matter of fact, while the city legislators sedulously guarded the new crop of tenders from the press, it is stated that some of the offers were ridiculously low and hardly calculated to make an alderman trip over a chair in order to get a lessee signed up. The tender business is getting to be a tender subject with the aldermen and they may be forgiven for being a bit finicky when the trying press is sticking around.

A recommendation from the fire committee advocating the addition of a regular fireman to the department and three extra men to the call force was received wholeheartedly and the aldermen voted to have the recommendations carried out. The regular fireman will be listed as a driver at the station.

Barre's present garbage collecting system is not better perfect. Leastwise that was the consensus of opinion when Alderman Bruce advised the board that the contract with the present collector expires Aug. 1. Alderman Reynolds favored a regular collection by the city, a change which Alderman Shurtleff was inclined to oppose on the ground that it will be more expensive. Alderman Healy thought the additional expense would be worth while if the job could be done satisfactorily. Evidently the aldermen were dissatisfied with the contract that was signed up last year and all hands got around to instruct the health committee to arrange for a collection by the city. Recently it has been suggested that the street department's new motor tractor might perform an estimable service in the garbage collecting department.

In line with the refuse collection was a complaint received by Mayor Gordon concerning the practice of accumulating refuse in the rear of business blocks. The mayor voiced the complaint in the interests of office tenants and others, who believed that the refuse may be burned at night, when offices are closed, or in the early morning before they are opened. Complaint was directed against the acid fumes arising from the garbage fires and the matter was left with the health committee.

Failure on the part of the street department to sprinkle north-end streets was the subject of talk by Alderman Reynolds, who mentioned North Main street from Beckley street intersection northward, North Main and Beckley streets in his complaint. Chairman Glyson stated that the oil pump on the sprinkler was not working satisfactorily and intimated that the oil and water lapses would be filled in as soon as the pump is off the repair shelf. L. K. Averill had a case against the department in claiming that he is assessed for sprinkling on Washington street last fall in excess of a just assessment. The matter was left with the street committee. A report on the boiler in the stone crusher from the Fidelity & Casualty company found fault with some rusty flues and the clerk was instructed to inform the insuring company that the stone crusher is not being used by the street department at the present time.

A sewer and water extension of 35 feet, both in the same ditch, was recommended by the sewer and water committee in reporting on a petition from Beech street. The extension was authorized. Reporting on a request for a sidewalk on Tremont street, the street committee recommended that the work be done as soon as the finances of the city permit. The report was accepted.

Wiring permits were granted H. B. Partridge for house lights on Summer street, Montpelier & Barre lights & Power company for temporary lights and 12 meters. Charles Robbins for lights at 35 Orange street. J. B. Sanguinetti for a stonished motor and the Charles Catto estate to change lighting wires. Building permits were received by G. W. Durkee to remodel a shop on South Main street, Mrs. W. Paul to building a garage on Murray street, and F. G. Crockett to build a piazza on Brooklyn street. Exceptions taken to the report of the city engineer's proposed garage were credited to Mrs. Fraser, but they were passed over. The following warrants were approved for payment: Street department payroll, \$566.71; resurfacing permanent road, sprinkling, surface sewer, sidewalk and health accounts; water department payroll, \$82.24; fire department payroll, \$91.50; police department payroll, \$95.89; G. A. Bemis, \$14, services as janitor.

## CUTLER-MCKINSTRY

East Montpelier Man Takes a Nurse as His Bride.

Miss Frances McKinstry and Murray C. Cutler, the latter of East Montpelier, were married Tuesday afternoon at the Bethany church parsonage in Montpelier, the officiating clergyman being Rev. S. F. Rindfield. They were unattended. The bride was escorted in a brown traveling outfit. After Aug. 1 they will be at home in the groom's farm in East Montpelier. The bride was formerly engaged as a nurse.

MURDER TRIAL  
IS AT AN END

Otis Williams May Know His Fate Before He Retires To-night

ARGUMENTS MADE  
IN CHIEF COURT

The Defense Fought On Only a Small Amount of Testimony

Chelsea, July 26.—Closing arguments in the case of State vs. Otis Williams, jointly indicted with Anna Felch for the murder of Joseph Felch at Topsham on the night of April 22, began when Orange county court reconvened at 9 o'clock this morning. State's Attorney F. S. Williams made the opening argument for the state and he was followed by Attorney Stanley C. Wilson and Attorney David Conant for the defense. This afternoon, it was expected, Attorney General H. G. Barber would make the closing argument for the state, to be followed by the charge to the jury by Judge Z. S. Stanton. Procedure today so shaped itself as to indicate that the case would be in the hands of the jury when adjournment is taken at 5 o'clock, or possibly sooner, although there were those who predicted that the jury will not receive the case until tomorrow morning.

It became known today that the defense has asked for a continuance in the state case against Mrs. Felch. The woman respondent is represented by R. A. Hoar of Barre and R. M. Harvey of Montpelier. It is stated that she is in a delicate way and might not be able to withstand the rigors of a murder trial at this time. Consequently her counsel is anxious to have the case put over until September, when the wishes of counsel for the accused.

## Brief Testimony for Defense.

Near noon on the eighth day of the trial, the state rested and immediately after the mid-day recess, the defense introduced six witnesses, only one of whom appeared in the case for the first time, Ernest Bailey, an Orange farmer, testified to conversation between the murdered man and the accused. The other witnesses were: State's Attorney Williams, Deputy Sheriff George Tracey, the jailer, Charles Ricker, a Groton farmer; Mrs. Otis Williams, and John Felch, father of the murdered man.

Jailer Tracy testified that one detective occupied a cell with Williams for a week in May. Mr. Ricker swore that he made arrangements with Williams some time late in March, to work for him on his farm in Groton. Williams intimated that he would make the change, but the arrangements were not completed. Neither of the two witnesses was cross examined at length.

When sworn by the defense, Ernest Bailey, the Orange farmer, recalled an occasion when he was in Felch's barn. It was on the first day of the deer season and Felch and Williams were present. Asked if he heard any conversation between the two relative to work, viz., the employment of Williams, witness responded in the negative. Afterward he recalled that there was some talk on the subject, but he couldn't recall its nature. The prosecution objected to the reception of such evidence on the ground that it was hearsay evidence and the objection was sustained.

Mrs. Otis Williams testified at her husband's trial that she offered to exhibit by the state, on the Monday and Wednesday after the tragedy, and possibly on the Tuesday. She said her husband was 21 years old last October. Witness testified to picking up her belongings, after the tragedy, with the aid of her sister and her brother-in-law. When the defense sought to indicate the accessibility of the Williams house, Mrs. Williams testified that the rear door was secured by a bolt and a nail and the front door by a lock. On the Sunday after a rainy night when it was alleged the tragedy took place, witness left the house through a basement exit.

When John Felch took